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In re Application of
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Examiner: Philippe DERAKSHANI

For: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 24,
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REMARKS

*Interview Summary
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First Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the kind
interview granted on August 25, 2000, and for the indication
of allowability of the claims during the interview.

The Examiner objected to the application under 37 CFR
1.172(a) on the ground that the assignee has not established
its ownership interest in the patent for which reissue is
being requested. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the
"Notarial Confirmation" which described the series of near-
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